

**LINKED SYSTEMS STUDY UPDATE**  
**AND**  
**PROPOSED TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**FOR THE LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA**

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This report focuses on the State's role in supporting the development of a Library of California Technology Infrastructure. However, it is important to remember that individual library jurisdictions and cooperative library systems have also made and continue to make a considerable contribution of time, money and staff attention to resource sharing efforts in California.

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